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The Fabulous 90’s

The 1990s was the last decade of the twentieth century and also that last decade of the second millennium. This was that decade I was born in. the 1990s had may cool toys and gadgets coming out that every little kid wanted to have to brag about to their friends at school. This brings back a lot of memories to my mind, I can remember having most of these and my sister and I playing with them together. Maybe you’ll be able to remember these awesome toys too.

In 1990 the toy to be a youngster and get for Christmas was the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Action Figures. There was a Wacky Action series that came out in 1990. This took the characters and added themed costumes. Examples of these turtles are Don, The Undercover Turtle and Leo who is the Sewer Samurai. In 1991 every grandchild wanted their grandparents to buy them Pogs. Pogs are little cardboard circles that had different pictures on them. A Pog ’slammer’ was thicker and heavier but could be made of plastic or metal. Back in the day a game could be played with these little cardboard circles. These were getting prohibited from schools because they saw the game similar to gambling. It sound cheesy but Barney dolls were the toys to have in 1992. Everyone should know that Barney is an enormous purple dinosaur that would make every little kid happy that didn’t make fun of him. In 1993 the toy to buy children was the video game called Mortal Kombat. This game was sold for the Genesis and the Super Nitendo. The previous year this game was popular in arcade games. But when I came on the Super Nitendo, the blood was removed from the game. The toy of 1994 was the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers Action Figures. The Power Rangers were first a television show. The Power Rangers have a lot of movies out. This toy was made by Bandai. The toy some parents actually liked and collected was the Beanie Babies which became popular in 1995. The founder was Ty Warner so the company was called Ty Inc. To this day there are still many Beanie Babies coming out on store shelves. Beanie Babies had many themes.

Tickle Me Elmo was the ultimate toy of 1996. This toy was a stuffed animal of Elmo and when his stomach is tickled, he laughs. They have came out with better versions of this but this was the first to come out. Tamagotchi was at its peak in 1997 This was a key chain that was like an animal that you took care of. These key chains were shaped like an egg. Tamagotchi’s were often banned from schools. Parents would agree that the most annoying toy their kid could want would be the Furby. The Furby came out in 1998. A Furby needed to be fed and to do that you just put your finger in their mouth and press on their tongue. They also came in many colors. The Furbys also needed sleep. The Pokemon game hit the stores in 1999. This game came out for the Nitendo Gameboy. Pokemon was similar to Zelda.

There were many other toys that every kid wanted to have. One was the Jibba Jabber. The Jibba Jabber was a doll that had many different hair colors. When someone shook the doll I make a ‘choking’ or ‘strangling’ sound. (Inc., F. W., 2009) Sky dancers were more popular with girls, this toy had a base with a pull string on it and a doll with foam wings. When the string is pulled the doll would go twirling into the air. Over a hundred injuries were reported from this toy. A funny toy was the Yak Bak. This was a voice recorder. A kid would say something into the microphone when they press the record button. But when their voice is played back the voice sounds funny. This gadget has came out in many different versions since then. A popular website to visit was Neopets. In this website there are pets that a kid can take care of in a virtual world of Neopia. There can be clothes, food, and toys bought for the pet.

In conclusion, the toys that were popular in the 1990s were very cool and I can remember most of them. Most of these toys are still out in stores, some even have updated versions. I recommend buying these toys for your kids, little cousins, nieces, and nephews.